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## SECRETARY OF EDUCATION BETSY DEVOS TO VISIT NEBRASKA DURING "RETHINK SCHOOL" TOUR

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos will visit Nebraska this week as part of her first back-to-school tour to highlight the innovative and groundbreaking work happening in schools across America. The "Rethink School" tour will showcase creative ways in which education leaders are meeting the needs of students in K-12 and higher education.

Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt welcomes Secretary DeVos and the opportunity to highlight the quality education Nebraska students are receiving throughout the state.

"We have a lot to be proud of in Nebraska. Every day teachers are creatively engaging students in increasingly innovative ways. We welcome the chance to host Secretary DeVos and demonstrate how Nebraska schools are leading the way in education." said Commissioner Blomstedt.

"There are so many new and exciting ways state-based education leaders and advocates are truly rethinking education," said Secretary DeVos. "It is our goal with this tour to highlight what's working. We want to encourage local education leaders to continue to be creative, to empower parents with options and to expand student-centered education opportunities."

The Rethink School tour will start in Wyoming and head to Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Indiana between September 12-15. Details of the Secretary's stop in Nebraska have not yet been released.

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